

## East European Organization Joins IPTC

Photo International, the organization of photographic and news agencies of Eastern European countries, has decided to join the International Press Telecommunications Committee as soon as details of currency exchange can be worked out.

IPTC Chairman Stanford Smith, general manager of ANPA, said the Irving Trust Company of New York is advising on methods of arranging the necessary currency transfer.

Memberships in the IPTC are held by organizations or associations of newspapers and news agencies, rather than by individual companies. Photo International will become the tenth constituent organization in the IPTC whose members already represent about 7,000 newspapers.

The mission of the IPTC is to represent the press in regulatory proceedings affecting telecommunications tariffs and facilities and help the press take advantage of new communications technology.

Members supporting IPTC have been: European Alliance of Press Agencies; American Newspaper Publishers Association; Commonwealth Press Union; Union of European Press Photo Agencies; International Federation of Editors and Publishers, Inter American Press Association, Newspaper Press Union of South Africa; Joint Committee of AP, CP and UPI; and Joint Committee of the Newspaper Proprietors' Association and the Newspaper Society.